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FORMER WINONA ISD TEACHER GUILTY OF EXPLOSIVES VIOLATION

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 33-year-old Lindale man has pleaded guilty to a federal explosives violation charge in the Eastern District of Texas. **BRAD TODD BROWN** admitted to distributing explosive materials to an individual who is under 21 years of age before United States Magistrate Judge John D. Love.

According to an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Brown was involved in the manufacture of an explosive powder with Winona High School students. Subsequently, on May 17, 2006, an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was also manufactured, which exploded, seriously injuring a student.

ATF Special Agent-in-Charge Ronnie Carter said, "This incident exemplifies the danger presented when dealing with explosives and how they should be handled with the utmost caution."

Brown faces up to ten years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 at sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set.

In addition to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, this case was investigated by the Smith County Sheriff's Office and former Smith County Precinct 4 Constable Dale Geddie. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard Moore.

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